THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Karnataka Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowments Bill, 1997 has been received in the Ministry of Home Affairs on 23.2.2001.

The Bill is under examination in consultation with Ministry of Law, Justice & Company Affairs (Department of Legal Affairs).

Population growth as per Census 2001

3218. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the States whose population decadal growth rate has fallen and the States whose rate has risen as per figures of Census 2001; and

(b) what is the position of Andhra Pradesh in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The following States/Union Territories have shown a fall in decadal growth rate during 1991—2001 as compared with 1981—1991:

(1) Jammu and Kashmir, (2) Himachal Pradesh, (3) Punjab, (4) Chandigarh, (5) Uttaranchal, (6) Delhi, (7) Rajasthan, (8) Arunachal Pradesh, (9) Mizoram, (10) Tripura, (11) Meghalaya, (12) Assam, (13) West Bengal, (14) Jharkhand, (15) Orissa, (16) Chhattisgarh, (17) Madhya Pradesh, (18) Maharashtra, (19) Andhra Pradesh, (20) Karnataka, (21) Goa, (22) Lakshadweep, (23) Kerala, (24) Tamil Nadu, (25) Pondicherry and (26) Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

The following States/Union Territories have shown a rise in the decadal growth rate:

(1) Haryana, (2) Uttar Pradesh, (3) Bihar, (4) Sikkim, (5) Nagaland, (6) Manipur, (7) Gujarat, (8) Daman and Diu and (9) Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

Training for terrorist organisations in North-Eastern Region

†3219. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that training for terrorist organisations is in full swing these days in North-Eastern India along the Bangladesh border touching India;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the details of stern action proposed to be taken by Government to keep a check on this in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) There are reports about North East militant outfits using Bangladesh for providing shelter and training to their cadres. Training camps in North East region in India along Bangladesh border have not been reported.

(b) and (c) Matter has been brought to the notice of the Government of Bangladesh from time to time. Government is alive to the situation in North East region. Action taken to check militant activities in the region includes *inter alia* deployment of Central Para-Military Forces and Army, improved coordination and sharing of intelligence between the security forces, declaration of major militant organisations as "Unlawful Associations" and declaration of most seriously affected areas as "Disturbed Areas" Central Government has formulated a special scheme for modernisation of police forces in North Eastern States. Under the scheme, vehicles, communication equipments, arms and ammunition and other security related items are provided in kind. Under the scheme of reimbursement of 'Security Related Expenditure', expenditure incurred by State Government on security is reimbursed by the Central Government.

Elections to SGPC

3220. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:
SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have finally decided to hold elections to Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee in Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh, under Sikh Gurdwara Act, 1925;

(b) whether necessary instructions have been issued in this regard; and

(c) if so, by when the elections are likely to be held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The present term of the existing Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC) expires on 20.11.2001. The Office of the Chief Commissioner, Gurdwara Elections has initiated the work of preparation/revision of electoral rolls. The date for